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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Charles H. Washburn

Examiner: S. Kastler

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For: "OVEN MERCURY RETORTING DEVICE"

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated May 22, 1998, Applicant amends as follows:

In the Claims:

Claims 1, 2, 10, and 14 are amended as follows:

a) 1. (Amended) A device for retorting mercury bearing materials, comprising:

an oven for heating the materials to volatilize the mercury, condensing means for liquefying the resultant gaseous mercury, trap means for collecting liquid mercury outflowing from the condensing means, receptacle means for collecting the liquefied mercury from the trap, vacuum means maintaining trap, condensing means, oven and connecting passages at sub-atmospheric pressures

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